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Library Communications Newsletter

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Where did April go?

Did we skip April? It feels like we blinked and it was all over! We're now in May, after two months of national lockdown and the time has flown by.

There does seem to be some light at the end of the tunnel. Over the next few weeks, we hope to reopen the library as a safe 'click and collect' service. It will be good to see our colleagues' faces again, even if they are masked and two metres apart!

This issue is dedicated to the work we completed in April and early May. It also features a little rainbow-hunting game inspired by the recent rainbow trend that has been sweeping across the nation. How many can you find? Hint: there are thirteen rainbows in total and some are more obscure than others!

Most of all, thank you for all your hard work over April and Happy Eid to those celebrating!



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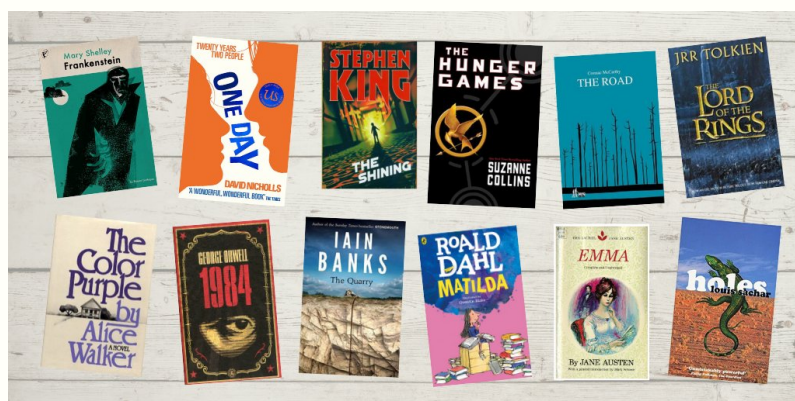
Due to the closure of the Library, our displays are now virtual too!

Earth Day celebrated its 50th anniversary on 22nd April entirely online. We took part by promoting our resources on climate change and conservation, and shared the sustainable measures we have in place in the Library.

We have also been encouraging people to take up **reading for pleasure** as a new lockdown hobby. We created a display highlighting some of our favourite reads from the three million books available on the The Open Library. Sarah White also created a rainbow of the literature we have in our own Library catalogue.



Earth Day, 22nd April 2020



The Open Library Collection



Our Literary 'Rainbow of Hope'

Pam Hardy has kept busy during lockdown by knitting rainbows which have been sold and donated to Captain Tom Moore's NHS fundraiser.

Pam commented: "I am also making mask extenders, and doing a piece with Emma Dalling for the online mental health awareness event on 20th May. I have sent some patterns for students and I will be available for a Virtual Q&A session."



LiveChat Comments Of The Month

Dawn Grundy Attends UKSG Webinar

We have continued to get **wholly positive feedback** on our new LiveChat service. Here is a selection of some of the kind comments left by users.

Great assistance in challenging times. Fantastic.

Super-fast response and resolution by Mark.

I have just spoken to Dawn Grundy. What a really wonderful, helpful and knowledgeable person. Well Done Bolton Library for keeping is going in these strange and uncertain times.

Friendly & happy to help service. Answered my query.

Steve was great. Thank you.

Raeesa was fast and brilliant.

Prompt reply from Tracey - much appreciated.



Academic Librarian, **Dawn Grundy**, attended the free UKSG webinar: "Writing articles for Insights and other journals" on Thursday 7th May 2020.

Read her story below.

"It was the first UKSG (UK Serials Group) webinar I've attended. It was really easy to register for and also free! Although I have had some work published before and wasn't particularly interested in writing for their journal (Insights), I wanted to further develop my knowledge and skills in this area.

The session was a good introduction to the topic and, if anyone is interested in finding out more, please pop me an email and I'll share my registrant recording link with you. I found the webinar provided me with a greater understanding of the different types of articles, of how being published can help in developing a reputation in your field and also gave me some writing tips.

A couple of the Librarians have written papers about Learning Development, LEAP Online, Erasmus etc. If you are interested in reading any of those, check out UBIR where our papers are published."

New Wellbeing LibGuides & Wellbeing List

We are excited to introduce the new **Wellbeing LibGuides page** created by the **University of Bolton Life Lounge Team**. This will be a great place to signpost people to for support and wellbeing resources. The LibGuide is filled with content, such as online guided meditations, workshops, and access to LEAP Online modules. On the 20th May 2020, the Life Lounge team will be hosting online events there to mark Mental Health Awareness Week.

We have also launched our new **Wellbeing Reading List**, complete with online resources on a number of subjects, including anxiety, resilience, and mindfulness. There are eBooks and weblinks for a variety of charities who can offer direct support on a number of issues.



Guess the Library Staff Shelfie Game

Can you match the shelfie to the member of staff? Submit your answers to Sarah White by email and find out the answers next week!

Entries:

Mary Barden
Duncan Gowans
Dawn Grundy
Sarah Markham
Lisa McLellan
Sarah White



This Month We Asked You...

How have you been spending your free time in lockdown?

Dawn Grundy: "I've done banana bread three times (what a cliché) and lots of reading and tv series bingeing!"



Sarah Markham:
"We have a blackbird nesting in a gutter in our garden. Photo attached!"



Sarah White:
"I'm playing Animal Crossing on my Nintendo Switch, watercolour painting and learning to play the Kalimba."

Mary Barden:
"I have taken up yoga, courtesy of YouTube and walking up to 8 miles a day."

